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By The Lord Lieutenant Generall of Ireland.

WHEREAS I am informed that the horſe vnder my Commande (ſince their being quartered within the *Black-water*) have and doe in their ſeverall quarters take away and waſt Wheate and Barly for their horſes; And doe behave themſelves outrageouſly towards the Inhabitants not contenting themſelves with ſuch Proviſions as they are able to afforde them, but doe kill their ſheepe and other cattle within and as often as they pleaſe. I doe hereby ſtraightly charge and Commande all Souldiers to forbeare ſuch like practices upon paine of Death. And whereas ſuch offences as theſe cannot be committed without the conſent, connivance or at leaſt the neglect of the Officers, I doe hereby require them as they will anſwer it at their vtmoſt perills That they be diligent in governeing the Souldiers vnder their commands in their carriage to the Inhabitants in this Province of *Mounſter* in ſubjection to the Parliament, According to the Articles, Rules, and Diſcipline of War exerciſe in the Army, in the Army in *England* towards the Inhabitants there. And I doe hereby farther declare that if any Inhabitant within the lymitts aforeſaid ſhall make his greivance knowne unto the Officer of any of the reſpective Souldiers that ſhall doe any wrong as aforeſaid and the ſaid Officer upon proofe made ſhall refuſe to doe the ſaid party right, that then the ſaid party makeing complaint to me ſhall have ſatisfaction for his damage from the ſaid Officer. And I doe farther will and require all Officers and Souldiry within the lymitts aforeſaid, that they doe not breake downe any ſtackes of Barly or Wheate in their reſpective quarters, to give the ſame to their horſes; But that they content themſelves with Peaſe, Oates, Hay, and ſuch other forrage as the Country afords paying or giving Ticketts at ſuch reaſonable Rates for the ſame, as they were vſually ſold for, before their comeing into the ſaid quarters. Given under my hande this 8. day of December 1649.

O. CROMWELL.

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